

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<i>In re</i> Application of:	§	
Mark Leslie Smythe and	§	Confirmation No.: 8048
Wim Denis Frans Meutermans	§	
	§	Examiner: KAM, Chih-Min
Serial No.: 09/787,840	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 1653
Filed: July 6, 2001	§	
	§	Atty. Docket No.: 36677.8
For: AUXILIARY FOR AMIDE BOND	§	
FORMATION	§	

**1. AMENDMENT; 2. RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 4, 2007**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment. A response to the Non-Final Office Action in the present application, dated December 4, 2007 ("the Action"), for which the next date for response is May 5, 2008, (May 4, 2008 being a Sunday) is also submitted, and the Examiner is requested to consider the remarks therein. A Petition for Extension of Time of Two Months to and including May 5, 2008, is filed electronically concurrently herewith to render the paper timely-submitted. Applicants believe that the present materials place the claims in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis.

Should any fees be deemed necessary for any reason in connection with the present submission, including the Extension of Time Fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary amounts from Deposit Account No. 08-1394, Order No. 36677.8.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.